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TITLE OF INVENTION: DENSITOMETERS AND METHODS FOR MEASURING OPTICAL DENSITY

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 10/658,939	Applicant(s) GILA ET AL.
	Examiner ISIAKA O. AKANBI	Art Unit 2886

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 20 October 2008.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-16, 18-27 and 29-46.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

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2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney James D. Shaurette on December 05, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Replace claims 13-17, 19-23, 25, 28, 40 and 41 as follows

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13. [Currently Amended] A densitometer comprising:
~~at least one first illumination source a plurality of illumination sources to illuminate an area;~~
a sensor for converting radiation received from the area; and
a processor coupled to the sensor for converting the received radiation to a standardized signal indicative of standardized optical density; and
~~wherein the processor is further configured to determine a color of the area and select one of the different illumination sources for use to determine the standardized optical density of the color of the area, and wherein the selection is responsive to the determination of the color.~~

14. [Cancelled].

15. [Currently Amended] A densitometer according to claim 14, wherein the plurality of illumination sources comprise light emitting diodes.

16. [Currently Amended] A densitometer according to claim 13, wherein the processor is further configured to compensate for the effects of heating of the illumination source sources during illumination.

17. [Cancelled].

18. [Currently Amended] A densitometer according to claim 13, wherein the first illumination source ~~is~~ sources are selected from a plurality of illumination sources selected from the set consisting of red, green, blue, and orange.

20. [Currently Amended] A densitometer according to claim 19, wherein the first selected one of the different illumination source sources is selected from the plurality of illumination sources based on the source selected one of the different illumination sources having a color that is substantially a color complement to an area of a media to be measured.

21. [Currently Amended] A densitometer according to claim 13, further comprising a memory for receiving and storing data regarding inks used to print one or more areas to be measured, and means for accessing the stored data to determine the color printed on an area, the data being used to select a spectral wavelength of the at least a first illumination source selected one of the different illumination sources.

22. [Currently Amended] A densitometer according to claim 13, wherein the at least a first illumination source to illuminate an area selected one of the different illumination sources is exactly a single illumination source having a spectral wavelength range narrower than the spectrum of visible white light.

23. [Currently Amended] A densitometer according to claim 22, wherein the single illumination source selected one of the different illumination sources having a spectral wavelength range narrower than the spectrum of visible white light comprises a light emitting diode having one of a red, green, blue, orange color spectral output.

25. [Currently Amended] A printing apparatus comprising:
means for printing at least one ink on an area;
a controller coupled to the means for printing; and
a densitometer coupled to the controller, the densitometer positioned to illuminate the area and generate a standardized signal indicative of standardized optical density of the area responsive to the illumination; and

wherein the densitometer is configured to determine the color of ink printed on the area and to select at least one of a plurality of different illumination sources for the illumination and corresponding to the determination of the color of ink.

28. [Cancelled].

41. [Currently Amended] The printing apparatus of claim 25, wherein the means for printing comprises means for providing data regarding the at least one ink, and the selected at least one of a plurality of the different illuminant sources of the densitometer is selected for the illumination using the data regarding the at least one ink.

- In page 8, line 1, "A densitometer according to claim 17", has been changed to A densitometer according to claim 13

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-13, 15-16, 18-27 and 29-46 are allowed.

As to claim 1, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious using electrical circuitry, selecting, based on the color, one of a plurality of different illumination sources appropriate to determine optical density of the color on the area, in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim. Claims 1-8, 24, 30-36 and 45 are allowable by virtue of their dependency.

As to claim 9, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious based on the color, automatically selecting one of a plurality of different illumination sources in a densitometer without user input, in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim. Claims 10-12, 37 and 46 are allowable by virtue of their dependency.

As to claim 13, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious wherein the processor is further configured to determine a color of the area and select one of a plurality of different illumination sources for use to determine the standardized optical density of the color of the area, and wherein the selection is responsive to the determination of the color in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim. Claims 15-16, 18-23 and 38-40 are allowable by virtue of their dependency.

As to claim 25, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious wherein the densitometer is configured to determine, the

color of ink printed, on the area and to select at least one of a plurality of different illumination sources for the illumination and corresponding to the determination of the color of ink, in combination with the rest of the limitations of the claim. Claims 26-27, 29 and 41-44 are allowable by virtue of their dependency.

The prior art reference of Hubble, III et al. (6,384,918 B1)(fig. 2) discloses a spectrometer for non-contact measuring of the colors of colored target areas/ test patch which is sequentially or successively illuminated using different LEDs, the reflectance from the test patch resulting from the sequential or successive illumination of the test patch by the ten or more different LEDs may be extrapolated over the entire visible spectra. However Hubble fail to disclose, teach or suggest using electrical circuitry, selecting, based on the color, one of a plurality of different illumination sources appropriate to determine optical density of the color on the area.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isiaka Akanbi whose telephone number is (571) 272-8658. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tarifur R. Chowdhury can be reached on (571) 272-2287. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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December 05, 2008

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